to be completed by this month extension of tax-track from international apron to runway 07 to be completed by May 2004, strengthening & resurfacing to Reinforced Cement Concrete slabs to be completed by March 2004 and extension of canopy on city side to be completed by September 2004 at kamraj Domestic Terminal Strengthening and extension of runway, apron, link taxi-track and associated works at Coimbatore airport and strengthening & extension of runway and associated works at Trichy airport are likely to be completed by March 2005.

AL's code sharing agreement with Lufthansa

645. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether direct flights to the USA from Bangalore, Hyderabad and Kochi have been introduced as a result of new code sharing agreement between Air India and Lufthansa; and

(b) if so, details of the flights so introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Global partnership for safe air travel

646. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have called for global partnership to make air travel fully secure;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether a conference on Civil Aviation Safety and Security was held in New Delhi recently; and

(d) if so, the details of discussions held in the conference and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) and (b) India is an active member of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), the apex UN body in the field of civil aviation, which, *inter-aila*, sets standards and regulations necessary for the safety and security of international air transport.

(c) and (d) Under the framework of Indo-European Union (EU) Civil Aviation Cooperation Project, an international Conference on "Civil Aviation Safety and Security" was held in Delhi on 15-16 October, 2003. This conference provided a forum to address the security and safety related issues in an interactive manner.